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**142nd Combat Sustainment Support Battalion Changes Command:  
Ceremony set for Friday**

FORT POLK, La. – Fort Polk will host a Change of Command ceremony for the 142d Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 1st Combat Support Brigade (Maneuver Enhancement) at 10 a.m., Friday, June 1 at Honor Field, here.

During the ceremony, Lt. Col. Ronald L. Green will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Timothy A. McKernan who recently returned from Afghanistan where he was the deputy brigade commander for the 43d Area Support Group.

Green, who has commanded the brigade since June of 2003, moves to Korea to be the G4 (Logistics) for the 2nd Infantry Division.

The mission of the 142d Combat Sustainment Support Battalion provides timely and robust logistics support for the 1st Combat Support Brigade (ME) and on order supports domestic operations.

The ceremony is open to the public.

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Media wishing to cover the ceremony should contact Samantha Evans at (337) 531-4630.

BIOS:

**Lieutenant Colonel Timothy A. McKernan**



Lieutenant Colonel Timothy A. McKernan a Montana native, was commissioned into the Quartermaster Corps in 1986, and graduated from the Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology with a petroleum engineering degree prior to entering active duty in 1988. McKernan has attended a number of military schools, to include the Quartermaster Officer Basic Course, the Quartermaster Officer Advance Course (QMOAC), the Petroleum Officer Course, Logistics Executive Development Course, and Command and General Staff College (CGSC). McKernan earned a Master of Science degree in logistics management from the Florida Institute of Technology.

McKernan has served in a variety of command and staff positions, both within the United States, overseas, and on deployments for combat and peacekeeping missions. His first assignment was in Korea, where he was a Company Executive Officer with the 114th Quartermaster Company (Petroleum Pipeline). He then moved to Fort Meade, Maryland, where he served as Battalion S1/S4 for the 743d Military Intelligence Battalion and later as Brigade S4 for the 704th Military Intelligence Brigade. After completing QMOAC, he was assigned to Fort Carson, where he served first as Training Officer and subsequently as Petroleum/Water Officer and General Supply Officer with the 4th Infantry Division DISCOM. McKernan deployed to Somalia, where he served as Theater Petroleum Officer with the United Nations Operations in Somalia (UNOSOM). Upon returning from Somalia, he assumed command of Company A, 704th Main Support Battalion. He was reassigned to Fort Lee, Virginia, where he served as Instructor, Chief of the Advanced Petroleum and Water Division and then Deputy Director with the Petroleum and Water Department, US Army Quartermaster Center and School. He was assigned as J4, Joint Task Force – Bravo, Soto Cano Airbase, Honduras. After completing CGSC in 2001, LTC McKernan was assigned as Support Operations Officer, 702d Main Support Battalion, 2d Infantry Division DISCOM at Camp Casey, Korea.

McKernan has been assigned to the 43d Area Support Group, Fort Carson, Colorado where he has served as Brigade S3, Brigade Support Operations Officer, and Deputy Commander. While assigned to the 43d ASG, he deployed to Kuwait and then Iraq for OIF I, to Kuwait for OIF III, and recently returned from deployment to Afghanistan in support of OEF VIII.

McKernan's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal (with oak leaf cluster), the Meritorious Service Medal (with four oak leaf clusters), the Joint Commendation Medal (with oak leaf cluster), the Army Commendation Medal (with two oak leaf clusters), the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Army Achievement Medal (with three oak leaf clusters), the National Defense Service Medal (with bronze star device), the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Korea Defense Service Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon (with numeral three), the United Nations Medal, and the NATO Medal. He also earned parachutist wings.

Lieutenant Colonel McKernan is married with two children.

**Lt.Col. Ronald L. Green:**



Lieutenant Colonel Ronald L. Green graduated from the University of Tampa and was commissioned a second lieutenant in May of 1987. In 2000, he received a Master's Degree in Telecommunications Management from Webster University, St. Louis Missouri.

His first assignment was with the 9th Infantry Division, Fort Lewis, Washington serving as Medical Platoon Leader, HHC, 1st Battalion 33d Armor; Company Executive Officer, 99th Forward Support Battalion; and as the Division Medical Logistics Officer in the DISCOM.

During DESERT SHEILD/STORM he was assigned as a Medical Supply Officer and S4 for the 46th Combat Support Hospital. From 1992 to 1994, he commanded Support Company, 2d Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group (A), Fort Devens, Massachusetts and Fort Carson, Colorado. While assigned at Fort Bragg, he served as the S3 Operations Officer for the 528th Special Operations Support Battalion (A); SOSCOM (A) Atlantic Command Desk Officer; and as the HHC Company Commander, 1st Battalion, 1st Special Warfare Training Group (A).

Green next served as a Security Assistance Officer at the US Embassy in Kuwait. Upon graduation from the Command and General Staff College, Green was assigned as the G-4 for the XVIII Airborne Corps Artillery. He then commanded Bravo Forward Support Company, 528th Special Operations Support Battalion (A) supporting Operation's Enduring and Iraqi Freedom in Jordan, Afghanistan and Iraq.

He was then assigned to the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe; serving as the J-4 Log Operations officer (Asia). This tour was marked with work in Baghdad training the Iraqi Ministry of Defense on Joint Operations and serving in Belgium as the SACEUR's representative to Denmark, Switzerland and Hungary, negotiating multi million euro equipment donations to the governments of Afghanistan and Iraq.

Since May 2005 Lieutenant Colonel Green has commanded the 142nd Combat Sustainment Support Battalion in Mosul, Iraq and Fort Polk.

Green's awards and decorations include the Combat Action Badge, Expert Field Medical Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Rigger Badge, and Portuguese Parachutist Wings. Decorations include the Bronze Star with one Oak leaf cluster, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Joint Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal with six Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the National Defense Service Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal with three battle stars, Iraqi Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary and Service Medals, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, NATO Training Mission Iraq Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal (Government of Saudi Arabia), and Kuwait Liberation Medal (Government of Kuwait).

Green is married and has four children.